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SUBJECT CEASEFIRE AND POLITICAL SITREP MR I, MAY 15, 1973

FOLLOWING MSG REC FROM AMCONSUL DANANG ON MAY 15 ACTION  
AMEMBASSY SAIGON REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO:

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SUBJ: CEASEFIRE AND POLITICAL SITREP MR I, X PLUS 107,  
MAY 15, 1973

### 1. SECURITY SITUATION:

MILITARY ACTIVITY REMAINED RELATIVELY UNCHANGED WITH 13 VIOLATIONS  
INCLUDING ONE GROUND ATTACK AND 6 ATTACKS BY FIRE COMPRISING 241  
ROUNDS OF INCOMING OF WHICH ALL BUT A SMALL SCATTERING OCCURRED  
IN THE AIRBORNE AND 1 ST DIVISION AREAS. ARVN RESPONDED WITH  
1,384 ROUNDS OF 105 MM COUNTERMORTAR ARTILLERY FIRE, HALF NORTH  
AND HALF SOUTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS.

### 2. ICCS:

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A. SENIOR CANDEL CHU LAI INFORMED AREA DIRECTOR QUANG NGAI THAT COLONEL WARDIMAN, SENIOR INDODEL ICCS REGION II, HAD REPRIMANDED THE SENIOR INDODEL CHU LAI FOR HAVING SIGNED AN INVESTIGATION REPORT DRAFTED BY THE POLES AND HUNGARIANS. SUMMARIZING THE INVESTIGATION IN APRIL OF THE POW CHINOOK SHOOTING ( REF DANANG 410), THE REPORT DID NOT PLACE THE BLAME ON THE PRG. SENIOR CANDEL COMMENTED THE CHU LAI INDODEL ACTED IN GOOD FAITH, BUT WAS TOO EASILY TAKEN IN BY THE POLES AND AND HUNGARIANS.

B. SENIOR CANDEL ICCS SUB- REGION TEAM IN CHU LAI INFORMED AREA DIRECTOR QUANG NGAI THAT THE ICCS TEAM INVESTIGATING ATTACKS ON THE TU CUNG RTV SITES IN QUANG NGAI ( REF DANANG 503) HAS HAD DIFFICULTY FINDING EVIDENCE OF MORTARING. CANDEL SUGGESTED THAT AREA DIRECTOR CONVINCE COLONEL VGO VAN LOI, PROVINCE CHIEF, TO RESTRAIN OVERLY ZEALOUS NATIONAL POLICE FROM REMOVING EVIDENCE SUCH AS MORTAR FRAGMENTS.

C. POLDEL AND HUNGDEL ACCOMPANIED THEIR CANDEL AND INDODEL COLLEAGUES ON THE SECOND INVESTIGATIVE VISIT TO TU CUNG ON MAY 9. AREA DIRECTOR QUANG NGAI LEARNED THAT AFTER DISPLAYING THEIR USUAL DELAYING TACTICS, POLDEL AND HUNGDEL LEFT THE SITE BEFORE THE INVESTIGATION WAS COMPLETED IN ORDER TO RETURN TO CHU LAI AND AWAIT A VISIT OF THEIR SUPERIORS.

### 3. PRISONER RELEASE:

ON MAY 15, I CORPS HEADQUARTERS REPORTED THAT TWELVE PRISONERS WERE RELEASED BY THE PRG IN QUANG NGAI. AREA DIRECTOR QUANG NGAI HAD EARLIER REPORTED THAT A RESCHEDULED RELEASE OF 70 CIVILIANS BY THE PRG DID NOT TAKE PLACE ON MAY 11 AS PLANNED AND THAT THE PRG HAD INDICATED THAT THEY MIGHT RELEASE THESE CIVILIANS UNILATERALLY. IT IS NOT YET KNOWN WHETHER THE TWELVE PRISONERS JUST RELEASED WERE CIVILIANS FROM THIS GROUP OF 70.

### 4. GVN ACTIVITIES:

THE GVN CONTINUES TO ASSIGN A HIGH PRIORITY TO THE RE- OPENING OF ROADS IN QUANG NGAI. RECONSTRUCTION ON THE ROAD FROM NGHIA HANH TO MINH LONG IS VIRTUALLY COMPLETE AND PROVINCE AUTHORITIES  
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PLAN TO RUN A TRUCK CONVOY OVER THIS ROAD FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE FALL OF 1971. DEPUTY PROVINCE CHIEF FOR SECURITY, HOWEVER, HAS ADMITTED TO AREA DIRECTOR QUANG NGAI THAT THIS ROAD WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT TO KEEP FREE OF MINES.

### 5. COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES:

A. INTELLIGENCE GATHERED BY I CORPS FORWARD HEADQUARTERS INDICATES THAT TRUCK MOVEMENT ALONG COMMUNIST- CONTROLLED ROADS NORTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS INCREASED DURING THEPAST WEEK. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO THE AREA DIRECTOR HUE BY I CORPS FORWARD ON MAY 14:

NUMBER OF TRUCKS			
WEEK 5/7 - 5/13		WEEK 4/30 - 5/6	
ROUTE			
103	128	69	
608	140	0	
HIGHWAY 9	308	246	
616	91	105	
548	101	50	
T-7	61	67	
547	47	20	
GORMAN' S ROAD	KJDTCTQD#	8	

556	33	4
557	3	1
912	92	54

B. QUANG NGAI POLICE REPORTS MADE AVAILABLE TO AREA DIRECTOR QUANG NGAI INDICATE THAT GVN ELEMENTS FOUND IN DUC PHO DISTRICT, 400 BARRELS OF DIESEL FUEL AND GASOLINE, PROBABLY CACHED BY THE NVA AT THE TIME OF THE JANUARY SA HUYNH OFFENSIVE. THIS IS THE

SECOND DISCOVERY OF A LARGE ENEMY FUEL CACHE IN THIS AREA LOCATED ABOUT 8 KILOMETERS NORTH OF SA HUYNH.  
DUNKERL  
WHITEHOUSE

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